



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2012 6:00P.M.
Weldon Auditorium, Manning, SC
Meeting Minutes**

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, A. C. English
County Administrator, William Houser
County Attorney, David Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Citizen and Vic MacDonald, The Manning Times.

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Sam Levy	Pat Goodwin
Patricia Pringle	Fred Tucker	Linda Lemon
Sandi Tucker	Henry King, Jr.	West Jackson
Lee Bledsoe	Connie Bledsoe	Deepal Eliatamby
Archie Lemon	Charlotte Johnson	Robert McFadden
John Truluck	Nancy Cave	Don Lane
Ann Kirven	Nickie Toomes	Emily Luther

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Following brief introductory remarks from Chairman Stewart, Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to the agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for January 9, 2012.

VI. USDA Letter of Condition

Ms. Nickie Toomes, USDA Area Specialist, presented Clarendon County Council with a Rural Development Assurance Grant for \$ 49,875.00 to purchase three police cars and a pick-up truck.

Chairman Stewart thanked USDA, Mr. George Hicks, and Ms. Toomes for working with Clarendon County.

Mr. Houser stated that Clarendon County has received over 50 million dollars from USDA over the past two years and we would be recognizing them for their support.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to accept the Community Facility Grant Resolution presented by USDA.

VII. Service Agreement

Mr. David Epperson gave Council a brief description of the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Clarendon County and The City of Manning in which Clarendon County will assist The City of Manning with animal control, emergencies, riot or disorder, natural disaster, and/or arrests.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to accept the Intergovernmental Service Agreement with The City of Manning.

VIII. Requests

- i. Mr. David Epperson informed Council that this is a request for the Transportation Committee.

Chairman Stewart called the Transportation Committee in Session.

Mr. Epperson presented Council with a list of roads to be added to the road-paving list for 2012. Also, included with this list was Wallace Road. Mr. Epperson stated that C-Fund could be used to purchase smaller equipment. Vice Chairman Frierson stated that it should be more feasible to outsource as opposed to purchasing equipment. Mr. Epperson stated that if we have equipment then we could train the staff. Mr. Bill Houser stated that we would not be paving roads just patching damaged areas. Vice Chairman Frierson asked if this would cause an increase in staff and Mr. Houser's response was no not immediately. Mr. Houser also stated that as soon as we get approval, we would start the easement process. Chairman Stewart stated that some roads on the list may or may not be paved this year, if not; they would roll over to next year.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, The Transportation Committee voted unanimous approval to accept the 2012 road-paving list.

Chairman Stewart said that the Transportation Committee Session is now closed and we will return to regular session.

ii. Request to have the 2012 Tax Notice Calendar Approved

Mr. Bill Houser requested Council to approve the 2012 Tax Notice Calendar. He stated that in the past the tax rolls did not open on time.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to accept the 2012 Tax Notice Calendar.

iii. Request to amend the Lease Agreement

Mr. David Epperson gave Council details of the amendments to the Intergovernmental Lease Agreement between Clarendon County and the Department of Disability and Special Needs Board [Breedin Room]. With the new agreement, Clarendon County would have the use of the Breedin Room twelve times per year at no cost, but would have to pay \$ 60.00 per use for cleaning.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to amend the Intergovernmental Lease Agreement between Clarendon County and Department of Disability and Special Needs.

IX. Clarendon Behavior Health Service Update

Mrs. Ann Kirven, Director of CCBHS, presented council with a PowerPoint presentation in reference to statistical changes in Clarendon County. She informed council that from 1974 -1978 there were 1,306 DUI cases, 1987-1989 -1,253 cases, 1994-1998 - 1,017 cases, and 2010-2011 - 204 cases with only 44 ending in convictions.

Councilman Blakely asked why are there so few convictions and Mrs. Kirven stated that the officers are representing themselves but they are going up against a high-powered attorney. Councilman Blakely stated that the officers are doing their jobs but the judges are releasing the accused. Chairman Stewart thanked Mrs. Kirven for her presentation and he asked Mr. Houser to put together a task force to address the problems.

XII. Administrator's Report

Mr. Houser presented council with a letter in reference to Stephanie Williams, an Appraiser from the Assessor's Office, written by Ms. Rosalee Dunston, which applauded Ms. Williams' diligence, knowledge, and professionalism.

Mr. Houser continued his report by stating that Victim's Advocate Funds has a deficit of \$ 11,524, the Weldon has a deficit of \$ 151,985, Water and Sewer has a net income of 6,639, and C-Funds has an Uncommitted Balance of 194,524. He also stated that in 2011, E911 received 49,901 incident calls for the year, which is an average of 137 calls per day.

Mr. Houser concluded his report by stating that there are three replacements needed for the Clarendon County Aeronautics Commission and he also asked Council permission for Mr. John Truluck, Development Board Director, to travel to Dallas, Texas.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval for Mr. John Truluck to travel to Dallas, Texas.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart informed council that he attended a ceremony honoring former Mayor Genie Turbeville. He concluded by stating that the regular council meeting for March will be held in Turbeville.

X. Public Comments

Mr. Don Lane stated that Dove Road still has not been paved. He stated that he received a letter from the Chairman but has not received any follow up from the Administrator or County Attorney. He concluded by stating that they have been trying to get Dove Road paved for twenty years and now Dove Road has been removed from the list of roads to be paved. Mr. Houser stated that Dove Road was never re-evaluated and he will get with Tim Hilliard to get an update. Chairman Stewart stated that the county maintains some roads on behalf of the public that are not owned by the county.

Ms. Patricia Pringle stated that the tax roll has always been on schedule in the past except for 2008 when the Assessor's Office changed their schedule without notifying the Auditor's office. Because of this, the Auditor's Office was not able to move forward without the information from the Assessor's office. Ms. Pringle concluded by requesting contingency funds so the county could continue to operate until the tax funds from the taxpayers are received.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart closed the Public Comments and asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to go into Executive Session.

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session.

XIV. Ordinance 2011-13

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval of the second reading of Ordinance 2011-13 and to amend the title.

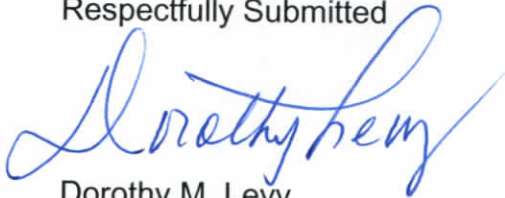
XV. Resolution 2012-02

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval of Resolution 2012-02.

XVI.

On motion by Vice chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson and English, council voted unanimous approval to adjourn the council meeting. The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Council
Clarendon County Council

